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C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 3027

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PORS

SUBJ: NAXALITE JAIL BREAKS

REF: NEW DELHI 2969

1. CONGEN CALCUTTA REPORTS FEB 27 ITS POLICE SOURCES ARE PROVING UNUSUALLY CLOSEMOUTHED ABOUT FEB 25 JAILBREAKS BUT THAT THERE WAS NO CONFIRMATION THAT NAXALITES BROKE OUT OF DUM DUM PRISON NEAR THE CALCUTTA AIRPORT AS WELL AS FROM THE PRESIDENCY JAIL THAT DAY. THERE IS ALSO A RUMOR NOW GOING AROUND CALCUTTA THAT FORMER YOUTH CONGRESS PRESIDENT P.R. DAS MUNSHI HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH THE JAILBREAKS.

2. THROUGH FEB 29 EMBASSY HAS FOUND VIRTUALLY TOTAL IGNORANCE IN NEW DELHI ABOUT THESE DEVELOPMENTS. NEWS MEDIA CONTINUE TO BLACK OUT ALL NEWS ON THIS SUBJECT. THUS FAR THERE IS NO INDICATION PRIME MINISTER WILL POSTPONE HER PLANS TO VISIT CALCUTTA ON MARCH 1 AS RESULT OF NAXALITE ESCAPES, AND INDEED WE ARE TOLD BY HER
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OFFICE SHE LEFT TODAY FOR HER TRIP THERE, BUT WE WOULD

EXPECT EVEN MORE INTENSIVE SECURITY MEASURES FOR HER
THAN IS EVEN USUALLY THE CASE.
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